

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic; and

WHEREAS, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction, coupled with the hard work and prevention efforts of community and statewide organizations; and

WHEREAS, governments and community leaders know that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique “Kiki” Camera, a Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent who was murdered in the line of duty and represents the belief that one person can make a difference; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, National Red Ribbon Week encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2016 as

RED RIBBON WEEK

in Vermont, and encourage all citizens to recognize this observance.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont
This 24th day of October, A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor